

REMARKS

Applicant's remarks, below, are preceded by quotations of the related comments of the Examiner.

6. Claims 2, 5, 15 and 19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Without conceding the Examiner's positions with respect to the rejected claims, Applicant has made the following amendments. Claims 1, 3-5, 14, 17-19, and 22-26 have been cancelled. Claims 2, 6-13, 15-16, and 20-21 have been amended. Claims 27-33 have been added and generally relate to the subject matter of amended claims 2 and 15.

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for pointing out allowable subject matter of claims 2 and 15. As originally filed, claim 2 depended from independent claim 1. Independent claim 1 has been cancelled, and claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form incorporating all of the limitations of cancelled claim 1. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 2 as amended is now in condition for allowance. Claims 6-10 have been amended to depend from allowable independent claim 2; therefore, claims 6-10 are thus allowable. Claim 11 as originally filed and as amended depends from claim 10, which has been amended to depend from allowable independent claim 2; therefore, claim 11 is allowable. Claims 12-13 as originally filed and as amended depend from allowable claim 11; therefore, claims 12-13 are also allowable.

As originally filed, claim 15 depended from independent claim 14. Independent claim 14 has been cancelled, and claim 15 has been rewritten in independent form incorporating all of the limitations of cancelled claim 14. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 15 as amended is now in condition for allowance. Claim 16 has been amended to depend from allowable claim 15; therefore, claim 16 is allowable. Claims 17-19 have been cancelled. Claims 20-21 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 15; therefore claims 20-21 are allowable. Claims 22-26 have been cancelled. Claims 27-33 are new. Independent claim 27 relates to the allowable subject matter of independent claims 2 and 15. Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 27 is allowable. Claims 28-33 depend from claim 27 and thus are also allowable.

Applicant's discussion of particular positions of the Examiner does not constitute a concession with respect to any positions that are not expressly contested by the Applicant. Applicant's emphasis of particular reasons why the claims are patentable does not imply that there are not other sufficient reasons

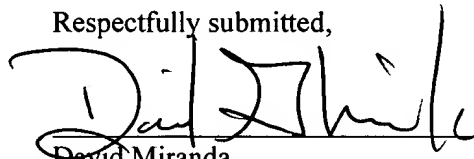
why the claims are patentable. Applicant's amendment of the claims does not constitute a concession that the claims are not allowable in their unamended form.

In view of the foregoing remarks and the inability of the prior art, alone or in combination, to anticipate, suggest or make obvious the subject matter as a whole of the invention disclosed and claimed in this application, all the claims are submitted to be in a condition for allowance, and notice thereof is respectfully requested. Please apply any required charges or overpayment credits to deposit account 50-3081.

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